5.167 1.

An absorbent article to be worn by a wearer adjacent the skin, the absorbent article comprising:

a chassis comprising:

an outer covering layer comprising:

a backsheet; and

a liquid pervious topsheet joined to said backsheet; and

an absorbent core positioned between said topsheet and said backsheet;

a nonwoven cuff joined to said chassis, each said nonwoven cuff having a first surface and a second surface disposed opposite said first surface, said nonwoven cuff comprising spunbond fibers having a denier less than about 1.3 and a hydrostatic head of at least about 85 mm.

- 2. The absorbent article of Claim 1 wherein said nonwoven cuff comprises spunbond fibers in the absence of meltblown fibers.
- 3. The absorbent article of Claim 2 wherein said nonwoven cuff has a basis weight of less than about 17 gsm.
- 4. The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein said nonwoven cuff comprises metallocene polypropylene spunbond fibers.
- 5. The absorbent article of Claim 1 wherein said nonwoven cuff comprises less than about 10 % by weight meltblown fibers and a hydrohead of at least about 85 mm.
- 6. The absorbent article of Claim 5 wherein said nonwoven cuff comprises less than about 8 % by weight meltblown fibers.
- 7. The absorbent article of Claim 1 wherein said nonwoven cuff comprises an effective amount of a skin care composition disposed on said nonwoven

cuff, said skin care composition being semi-solid or solid at 20°C and at least partially transferable to a wearer's skin.

- 8. The absorbent article of Claim 7 wherein the quantity of said skin care composition on said cuff ranges from about 0.05 mg/in² to about 80 mg/in².
- 9. The absorbent article of Claim 7 wherein said skin care composition comprises:
 - (i) from about 10% to about 95% of an emollient having a plastic or fluid consistency at 20°C; and
 - (ii) from about 5% to about 90% of an agent capable of immobilizing said emollient on said cuff.
- 10. The absorbent article of Claim 9 wherein said emollient comprises a member selected from the group consisting of petroleum-based emollients, fatty acid ester emollients, polysiloxane emollients, sucrose ester fatty acids, alkyl ethoxylates emollients and mixtures thereof.
- 11. The absorbent article of Claim 9 wherein said immobilizing agent is selected from the group consisting of polyhydroxy fatty acid esters, polyhydroxy fatty acid amides, C₁₄-C₂₂ fatty alcohols, C₁₂-C₂₂ fatty acids, C₁₂-C₂₂ fatty alcohol ethoxylates, and mixtures thereof.
- 12. The absorbent article of Claim 7 wherein said skin care composition further comprises aloe extract.
- 13. The absorbent article of Claim 7 wherein said skin care composition is disposed on said first surface.
- 14. The absorbent article of Claim 13 wherein said first surface of said cuff contacts the wearer's skin during use so as to form a body surface.
- 15. The absorbent article of Claim 13 wherein said first surface comprises the surface facing away from the wearer during use so as to form a garment surface.



The absorbent article of Claim 13 wherein said skin care composition is transferred from said first surface to said second surface.

- 17. The absorbent article of Claim 1 wherein said cuff comprises a gasketing cuff comprising a side flap formed from a portion of said topsheet and an elastic member operatively joined to said side flap.
- 18. The absorbent article of Claim 1 wherein said cuff comprises a barrier cuff that is formed unitarily with said topsheet.
- 19. An absorbent article to be worn by a wearer adjacent the skin, the absorbent article comprising:

a chassis having edges, said chassis comprising:

an outer covering layer; and

an absorbent core encased in said outer covering layer;

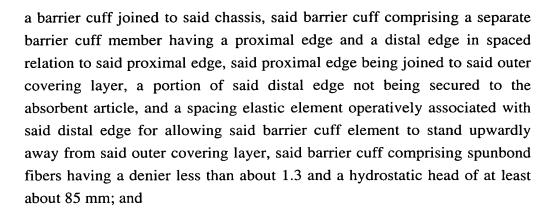
a barrier cuff joined to said chassis, said barrier cuff comprising a separate barrier cuff member having a proximal edge and a distal edge in spaced relation to said proximal edge, said proximal edge being joined to said outer covering layer, a portion of said distal edge not being secured to the absorbent article, and a spacing elastic element operatively associated with said distal edge for allowing said barrier cuff element to stand upwardly away from said outer covering layer, said barrier cuff comprising spunbond fibers having a denier less than about 1.3 and a hydrostatic head of at least about 85 mm.

20. An absorbent article to be worn by a wearer adjacent the skin, the absorbent article comprising:

a chassis having edges, said chassis comprising:

an outer covering layer; and

an absorbent core encased in said outer covering layer;



an effective amount of a skin care composition disposed on said barrier cuff member, said skin care composition being semi-solid or solid at 20°C and at least partially transferable to a wearer's skin.